A Week of Learning and Fun!

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Featured Photo: Global School Play Day!

SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY FEB. 15 & 18

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New This Week

- Board of Education Meeting Tonight
- Global School Play Day
- Holocaust Program at HMS
- Art Awards

Board Matters
Parent Programs

**Our First Parent Academy on Homework For K-5 Parents**

Last year, the District conducted a survey through the Health and Wellness Committee, within which there were many of questions asked by teachers, students, and parents regarding homework. The results of this survey helped us to continue our work in the District with teachers towards making homework meaningful and manageable.

It also prompted our first Parent Academy on Homework: HOMEWORK—TAKING THE WORK OUT OF HOME, which will be held on February 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Riker Hill Elementary School for all parents of students in grades K-5. We are so excited to offer a night of strategies to support our K-5 families as they manage all of the demands in their lives. We will have nearly 20 staff members, who are experts in their grade levels and their content areas, to offer suggestions across several break-out sessions. We hope you can make it! Please RSVP if you wish to attend. We hope to see you there!

**Students Matter**

**Holocaust Program at HMS**

Heritage Middle School's eighth grade class listened to the stories of two Holocaust survivors during a recent assembly, as part of their unit of study entitled, “Why Should We Remember?”

**Global School Play Day**

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning, but for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.” - Fred Rogers

Last Tuesday, February 5, many LPS elementary school students participated in Global School Play Day! Children were invited to bring in some of their favorite (non-electronic) toys and games to engage in unstructured play with their classmates!
Support Young Entrepreneurs!

Collins Elementary School is the place to be on Thursday, March 7! More than 65 young entrepreneurs will showcase their products at the TREP$ Marketplace from 6-7:30pm. Students have been working on business plans, advertisements and producing the items that they will sell at the event.

Marketplace Invitation

"Scheduling Season is Here!"

The Arts Matter

Award Winning Artists

Livingston High School students Jamie Wolfson and Kristen Tufaro won Gold Key Awards in the Scholastic Art Competition. Several other LHS students earned a Silver Key and Honorable Mention Awards. Click below to see the full list.

List of Winners

A Night of Jazz

Livingston High School's Band Boosters will host its annual Jazz Bands Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 2, from 6 to 9 pm in the LHS cafeteria. Guests will enjoy great music and a delicious dinner. Proceeds from the evening are used to help buy equipment for all the LHS bands!

READ/PURCHASE TICKETS

District Matters
OUR STUDENTS BIGGEST CHEERLEADERS!
Shown, LHS school counselors hosted the district’s first Instant Decision Day for college-bound seniors earlier this school year.

Celebrating School Counselors
Across the country, schools recognized guidance departments for helping students reach their potential during National School Counseling Week. Sinead Crews, LPS Director of School Counseling, sent a special message of appreciation to our counselors for all that they do:

Thank you for the empathy, energy and care you give to your students each and every day.

Thank you for the patience you give and model to parents and colleagues in supporting students’ academic, social and emotional needs.

Thank you for wearing multiple hats and multi-tasking more frequently than we all would like, while doing so with grace and deep breaths.

Thank you for being there for each other, and for your colleagues, to do what is best for students.

Thank you for remembering what inspired you to be in this profession!

Kindergarten Pre-Registration
It sounds crazy, but it’s true
We are getting ready for the Class of 2032!

Kindergarten Pre-Registration is now open. Please note that the entire kindergarten registration process must be completed by May 15th in order for parents to be notified of their child’s school placement by June 1st. This includes families with older siblings already attending a school within the district.

Pre-Registration Web Page

"Wall of Honor" at LHS
Are you a student, or do you know a former student who served in the military after graduating from Livingston High School? The district is compiling a list of LHS graduates who currently serve or served in the US Armed Forces. These students will be featured on a new "Wall of Honor" to be installed at LHS. Please send information to Sinead Crews, LHS Director of School Counseling, at SCrews@livingston.org.

Update Emergency Contacts
To ensure that you receive all school district communication messages, please make sure to update your contacts in our automated alert system.
Please log into your Genesis Parent Portal account and under "CONTACTS" be sure that you have checked off the box for "Emergency Broadcast" for any phone numbers/email addresses at which you wish to receive these messages.

Don't Miss That Call/Text:

In the case of an emergency, or weather-related school closing, or school bus transportation issues, our alert system allows us to quickly communicate with parents and staff by text, email and phone. Please make sure that your contact information is up to date. Log on to Genesis and click the "Contacts" tab at the top of the page to review the information that is currently on file. Please be sure to check the "Emergency Broadcast" box to receive Emergency Broadcast Messages. Don't forget to save all changes.

What's On Your Mind?

We're interested in hearing what's on your mind. Share a story. Ask a question. Let us know about your concerns, anything from school safety and security to budget matters. Give a shout out to a special teacher. Talk with the Superintendent or Board of Education. Email your message c/o the Communications and Community Outreach Coordinator.

Intergenerational Prom 2019!

The Intergenerational Prom Committee has announced that this year's event will be held on Tuesday, April 9, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Livingston High School!

The Intergenerational Prom is a collaborative event between Livingston Public Schools, the Township...
Shown above are the King and Queen of last year's Intergenerational Prom, David Lin and Ruth Cross.

LACD Offers After-School Sports

The Livingston Advisory Committee for Disabilities (LACD) offers great programs, free of charge, for people with special needs and their families.

Something For Everyone at Library

From book clubs, to musical programs, and events for senior citizens, the library offers something for everyone! Visit the library's website for more information.

REGISTER for Livingston Little League

Staff Matters

Substitute Nurses
Livingston Public Schools is seeking substitute school nurses. Applicants must hold current license issued by the NJ Board of Nursing as a professional registered nurse (RN) and possess or be eligible for a Substitute Nurse Certificate. CPR/AED certification is required. Interested candidates should contact Carolyn Ross at

Cafeteria/Playground Aids
Livingston Public Schools is always looking for cafeteria and playground aides. Those who are interested should download the application, or stop by the Central Office at 11 Foxcroft Drive to pick up an application!

Crossing Guards
The Township of Livingston continues to look for crossing guards for its many posts throughout town. Crossing guards provide an important service to our students, helping them navigate the streets around our schools safely each day. Click HERE for application.
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